

lic Debts, Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 98, by Chadick, have had same under consideration and desire to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

SPEARS, Chairman

#### Senate Bill 185 Withdrawn

On motion of Senator Hazelwood, and by unanimous consent, Senate Bill 185 was withdrawn from further consideration in Committee or by the Senate.

#### Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ramsey, the Senate, at 12:25 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

### THIRTY-FIRST DAY

(Wednesday, February 28, 1945)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called, and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Moore
Brown	Morris
Bullock	Parrish
Carney	Ramsey
Chadick	Shivers
Crawford	Spears
Graves	Stanford
Hazlewood	Stone
Jones	Sulak
Knight	Taylor
Lanning	Vick
Martin	Weinert
Mauritz	Winfield
Metcalfe	York
Moffett	

A quorum was announced present.

Dr. Hugo B. Haterius, President of the Texas Conference of Lutherans, offered the invocation.

On Motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal approved.

#### Leaves of Absence Granted

Senators Kelley and Lane were

granted leaves of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Metcalfe.

#### Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas,  
February 27, 1945.

Hon. John Lee Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 143, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the 9th Judicial District Court for Nueces County; defining its jurisdiction; adjusting business of the 28th District Court of Nueces County and the 117th District Court of Nueces County with the Court created hereby; prescribing the duties of the District Clerk with respect thereto; excluding the Criminal District Court of Nueces County from the provisions of the Act; providing for the appointment and subsequent election of a Judge; and fixing the time during which said Court shall exist; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 211, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend House Bill 683, Chapter 11, Acts of the 46th Legislature defining a 'Nonresident Commercial Fisherman'; defining a 'Nonresident Commercial Fishing Boat'; and providing for a Nonresident Commercial Fishing License and the fee for same; providing for a Nonresident Commercial Fishing Boat.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE JONES,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### Reports of Standing Committees

Senator Vick submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,  
February 27, 1945.

Hon. John Lee Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 27, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the bill do pass with committee amendments and be printed.

VICK, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
February 27, 1945.

Hon. John Lee Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 165, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report back to the Senate with recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

VICK, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
February 27, 1945.

Hon. John Lee Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 182, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

VICK, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
February 27, 1945.

Hon. John Lee Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 172, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report back to the Senate with recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

VICK, Chairman.

Senator Lanning submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,  
February 27, 1945.

Hon. John Lee Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance to whom was referred H. B. No. 271, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

LANNING, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
February 27, 1945.

Hon. John Lee Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance to whom was referred S. B. No. 46, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to

report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

LANNING, Chairman.

Senator Hazlewood submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,  
February 26, 1945.

Hon. John Lee Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred S. B. No. 94, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with ther recommendation that it do pass with Committee Amendments and be printed.

HAZLEWOOD, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
February 26, 1945.

Hon. John Lee Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred S. B. No. 25, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with recommendation that the bill do not pass but that the Committee Substitute do pass in lieu thereof with Committee Amendment and that it be printed.

HAZLEWOOD, Chairman.

#### Senate Bills on First Reading

The following Senate bills were introduced, read first time and referred to the committees indicated:

By Senator Martin:

S. B. No. 197, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring that the war with Germany and Japan, commonly known as World War II is within the provisions of Section 10, Article 8, of the Constitution of this State, a great public calamity in all counties, cities and towns of this State and declaring that because of said calamity and by reason of the inadequate provisions of the laws of this State the soldiers, sailors, marines, members of the air corps, coast guard, nurses in the military service of the United States and all women in the military services of the United States in the different auxiliaries thereof, and all of those who have been honorably discharged therefrom, of this State, were prevented from paying their poll taxes,

under the provisions of Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution, and the Statutes of Texas, and that by reason of these facts and by reason of the fact that Section 9, Article 16, of the Constitution of this State, declares that absence on business of the United States shall not forfeit the residence once obtained so as to deprive anyone of the right of suffrage; and, therefore, declaring that said soldiers, sailors, marines, members of the air corps, coast guard, nurses in the military service of the United States, and all women in the military services of the United States in the different auxiliaries thereof and those honorably discharged therefrom should not and ought not to be compelled to pay their poll taxes due or assessed against them for the years A. D. 1945, and A. D. 1946; declaring that by authority of Section 10, Article 8, of the Constitution, said soldiers, sailors, marines, members of the air corps, coast guard, nurses in the military service of the United States, and all women in the military services of the United States in the different auxiliaries thereof and those honorably discharged therefrom are hereby released from the payment of the poll taxes which have been or may be levied against them for the years A. D. 1945, and A. D. 1946; providing that it shall not be necessary for said soldiers, sailors, marines, members of the air corps, coast guard, nurses in the military service of the United States, and women in the military services of the United States in the different auxiliary services and those honorably discharged therefrom in order to exercise the privilege of suffrage and vote at all elections held within the State of Texas during the years A. D. 1945, and A. D. 1946, to hold a poll tax receipt showing any poll tax paid before the First day of February next preceding such election, or paid at any time theretofore or thereafter; and providing certain duties for election officers and conferring certain authority upon them with reference thereto; regulating the manner and method of counting the ballots of soldiers, sailors, marines, members of the air corps, coast guard, nurses in the military services of the United States, and all women in the military services of the United States in the different auxiliaries thereof and those honorably discharged therefrom; declaring this law cumulative

of all other laws of this State, except where in conflict therewith; making this Act apply to all elections in this State, general, special and primary, and providing that in the event Senate Bill 165 of the 49th Legislature becomes a law then this Act shall not apply to primary elections, and providing that the invalidity of any one section thereof, in defining the words "soldiers," "sailors," "marines," "members of the air corps," "coast guard," "nurses in the military service of the United States," and "women in the military services of the United States in the different auxiliary services" thereof as used in this Act; conferring jurisdiction on the various district courts of this State, the Court of Civil Appeals, and the Supreme Court of this State to hear original suits of mandamus brought by anyone within the terms of this Act against any election officer or officers who declare that they will decline, or who may decline, to permit any soldier, sailor, marine, members of the air corps, coast guard, nurses in the military service of the United States and all women in the military service of the United States in the different auxiliary service to vote hereunder; defining and creating offences in violation of this Act, and prescribing venue, jurisdiction and punishment therefor; providing for the printing and distribution of 10,000 copies of this Act among election officers of the State and making an appropriation therefor; and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on Finance.

By Senator Stone:

S. B. No. 198, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Nueces River Conservation and Reclamation District, for each of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1945 and August 31, 1946; and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on Finance.

By Senator Parrish:

S. B. No. 199, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing the method of receiving and disposing of all trust and suspense moneys and other securities by the State Treasurer; providing for the accounting for such moneys and securities by the Treasurer and the State Comptroller; and providing for supervision and control of such

moneys and other securities by the State Comptroller while they are held in trust by the Treasurer; and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Metcalfe:

S. B. No. 200, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the maximum rate of tax to be levied for school purposes in all independent school districts, whether organized under general or special laws, and which, according to the last preceding approved original Scholastic Census, had a scholastic population of not less than twelve hundred and fifty (1,250) and not more than three thousand (3,000) scholastics, and located in counties with a population of not less than ten thousand (10,000) and not more than twenty thousand (20,000) inhabitants according to the last preceding Federal Census, and in all independent county unit school districts in counties with a population of not less than one thousand (1,000) and not more than two thousand (2,000) inhabitants according to the last preceding Federal Census; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on State Affairs.

#### Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas,  
February 28, 1945.

Hon. John Lee Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following resolutions:

H. C. R. No. 25, Memorializing Congress to amend the Social Security Act.

H. J. R. No. 10, Proposing an amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 62, creating "The Texas State Employees' Retirement Board"; authorizing said Board to provide a system of retirement, disability and death compensation for officers and employees of the State; authorizing the Legislature to provide a Retirement Fund; providing that contributions of the State to said Retirement Fund shall not exceed Ten (10%) per cent of the compensation paid to those eligible to participate in the system; providing that

such persons shall pay into such Fund an additional sum equal to one-half of the State contribution; providing for an election of the question of adoption of this amendment; and making an appropriation for said election.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE JONES,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas,  
February 28, 1945.

Hon. John Lee Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

S. B. No. 101, Amending Article 3918, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, providing for an increase in the amount of certain fees; providing for the elimination of certain fees and the addition of others; declaring an emergency, and fixing the effective date.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE JONES,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### Motion to Re-refer Senate Bill 18

Senator Moore moved to re-refer Senate Bill No. 18 from the Committee on Commerce and Manufacturing to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

Senator Spears moved to table the motion to re-refer.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—17

Aikin	Metcalfe
Brown	Morris
Bullock	Ramsey
Chadick	Shivers
Crawford	Spears
Graves	Stone
Jones	Sulak
Knight	Winfield
Mauritz	

Nays—8

Carney	Moffett
Hazlewood	Moore
Lanning	Taylor
Martin	Weinert

Present—Not Voting

Vick

Parrish      Absent  
Stanford      York

Kelley      Absent—Excused  
                 Lane

**Conference Committee Report on  
House Bill 5**

Senator Lanning submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,  
February 27, 1945.

Hon. John Lee Smith, President of the Senate:

Hon. Claude Gilmer, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs: We, your Conference Committee appointed to adjust the differences between the House and the Senate on H. B. No. 5, have had the same under consideration and beg to report it back with recommendation that it be passed in the form hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,

LANNING  
STANFORD  
STONE  
TAYLOR  
GRAVES

On the Part of the Senate.

MORGAN  
MANFORD  
BUNDY  
PRUETT  
CHAMBERS

On the part of the House.

H. B. No. 5

**A BILL  
To Be Entitled**

"An Act making appropriation for an increase in salaries of State officials and State employees for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending on August 31, 1945, supplementing the salaries designated and/or provided for in Senate Bill No. 333, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-eighth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated in the General Revenue Fund, or such Special Funds as are set out in Senate Bill No. 333, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-eighth Legislature, an amount to increase the

salaries of State officials and State employees provided for in said Senate Bill No. 333, as follows:

a. For all salaries up to and including the rate of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) per annum, there is hereby appropriated an amount to increase such salaries by Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per month. Provided, however, that all full-time salaries which after having been increased by the above amount are still below Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month, there is hereby appropriated an additional amount sufficient to raise such salaries to Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month.

b. For all salaries above the rate of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) per annum, but not exceeding the rate of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) per annum, inclusive, there is hereby appropriated an amount to increase such salaries by fifteen per cent (15%).

c. For all salaries above the rate of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) per annum, but not exceeding the rate of Twenty-four Hundred Dollars (\$2400.00) per annum, inclusive, there is hereby appropriated an amount to increase such salaries by ten per cent (10%).

d. For all salaries above the rate of Twenty-four Hundred Dollars (2400.00) per annum, but not exceeding the rate of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) per annum, there is hereby appropriated an amount to increase such salaries by five per cent (5%).

It is the purpose of this appropriation to increase the salaries of State officials and State employees holding positions as of the effective date of this Act and who may hold such positions between said effective date and August 31, 1945, by the amounts above specified, supplementing the appropriations made for such salaries by Senate Bill No. 333, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-eighth Legislature, and that such increases shall be paid monthly beginning March 1, 1945, up to and including the 31st day of August, 1945, after which time this appropriation law shall be non-operative. Provided, however, that these increases shall be based upon the salary schedule as provided in Senate Bill No. 333 and in effect as of September 1, 1943.

The payment and disbursements of the funds provided for herein shall be governed by the same rules and

riders as are contained herein and in Senate Bill No. 333 herein mentioned. Provided, that nothing in this Act shall be interpreted as affecting or changing the provisions of Senate Bill No. 333, except to make possible the increases provided for herein and to put into effect the other provisions of this Act relating to such increases.

No increases shall be participated in by any of the State officials or employees on payrolls from funds other than State appropriations, wholly or in part, except that said increases may be paid ratably from State appropriated funds and the balance of said increases herein provided, if paid, shall come from such funds other than State appropriations. Provided further that the increases hereunder are to be calculated on the basis of full-time employment; part-time salaries to be increased in the ratio they bear to like full-time employment.

No employee shall participate in the increase provided hereinabove from the General Revenue Fund and such Special Funds as are set out in the said Senate Bill No. 333, if his current salary is supplemented from other sources so that it exceeds, or will exceed when supplemented, a rate of Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,150) per annum.

An employee who receives a salary supplement from such other sources, and whose total salary is equal to or less than the rate of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) per annum, as set out in said Senate Bill No. 333, shall receive from the General Revenue Fund under this Act only such part of the increase provided herein as the ratio that his salary in the said Senate Bill No. 333 bears to his total salary.

Section 2. The fact that there have been no general salary raises for State officials and State employees over the past several years, and the fact that many efficient State employees are leaving the State service for higher salaries in private industry, making it difficult to keep competent help in the various State Departments, and the fact that the present war conditions have so increased the cost of living that it is impossible for the State employees, under present wage scales, to meet such increase in the cost of living, and the further fact of a crowded condition of the present calendar, creates an

emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and said rule is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

The report was adopted by the following vote:

#### Yeas—26

Aikin	Metcalf
Brown	Moffett
Bullock	Moore
Carney	Morris
Chadick	Parrish
Crawford	Ramsey
Graves	Shivers
Hazlewood	Spears
Jones	Stanford
Knight	Stone
Lanning	Sulak
Martin	Taylor
Mauritz	Winfield

#### Absent

Vick	York
Weinert	

#### Absent—Excused

Kelley	Lane
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#### Communication from the Governor

The President laid before the Senate, and directed the Secretary to read, the following communication, previously received from the Governor:

Austin, Texas,  
February 27, 1945.

To the Senate of the Forty-ninth Legislature:

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointments:

To be members of the Board of Directors of Texas Technological College for six year terms to expire February 19, 1951:

Charles O. Thompson of Colorado, Mitchell County.

A. G. (Pat) Mayse of Paris, Lamar County.

Mark McGee of Fort Worth, Tarrant County.

To be Public Weigher in and for the City of Corpus Christi, County of Nueces for a two year term beginning March 17, 1945:

J. Wilbur Cain of Corpus Christi, Nueces County.

To be Public Weighers in and for

Harris County, for two year terms:

J. D. Woolford, Houston, Harris County (term expiring February 28, 1947).

L. D. Bangard of Houston, Harris County (term expiring February 28, 1947).

J. F. Manley of Houston, Harris County (term expiring February 28, 1947).

Respectfully submitted,

COKE R. STEVENSON,

Governor of Texas.

The message was read and was referred to the Committee on Nominations of the Governor.

#### Executive Session

At 10:55 o'clock a. m., Senator Winfield asked unanimous consent of the Senate that the Senate hold an executive session immediately.

There was no objection offered.

Accordingly, the floor and galleries were cleared, and the doors leading from the Senate Chamber were closed.

At the conclusion of the executive session the Secretary of the Senate informed the Journal Clerk the following appointments had been confirmed:

To be members of the State Board of Education for six year terms to expire January 1, 1951:

Mrs. Joe Perkins of Eastland, Eastland County.

C. C. Chessher of Groveton, Trinity County.

Herman C. Custard of Cleburne, Johnson County.

To be members of the Finance Commission for six year terms to expire February 1, 1951:

J. H. Ashby of Uvalde, Uvalde County (Building and Loan Section).

C. A. Gibner of Spearman, Hansford County (Banking Section—business man).

To be a member of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for a six year term to expire January 10, 1951:

John W. Newton of Beaumont, Jefferson County.

To be member of the Board of Dental Examiners for a six year term to expire May 24, 1949:

Dr. W. C. McNeil of Silsbee, Hardin County.

To be a member of the Postwar Economic Planning Commission:

P. B. Doty of Beaumont, Jefferson County (Member, East Texas Chamber of Commerce).

To be a member of the Postwar Economic Planning Commission (Member, Texas Bankers Association) to fill the vacancy created by resignation of Hon. R. L. Thornton:

P. B. Doty of Beaumont, Jefferson County.

To be a member of the State Board of Trustees, Teachers Retirement System for a six year term to expire August 31, 1949:

George Madison Sims of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

To be Branch Pilots for Sabine Bar, Pass and Tributaries for two year terms:

To expire June 29, 1945:

Carl M. Bancroft of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

To expire August 11, 1945:

Captain Christian F. Peterson of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

Captain G. H. McFarland of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

Captain V. R. Wesbrooks of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

To expire September 3, 1945:

Arne Pedersen, Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

J. M. Cox, Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

S. W. Livingston, Jr., Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

G. Rodney Robinson, Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

To expire October 25, 1945:

J. E. Gonzales of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

To expire January 25, 1946:

F. D. French of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

To expire February 16, 1946:

Bert Jackson of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

To expire April 6, 1946:

Don Allien of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

Jerry B. Johnson of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

Edgar Woodhouse of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

To expire April 20, 1946:

A. N. Dillon of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

Carlyle J. Plummer of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

To expire October 18, 1946:

Wm. F. Fredeman of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

Victor E. Sanford of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

C. S. West of Beaumont, Jefferson County.

To be Branch Pilots for the Sabine Bar, Pass and Tributaries for two year terms to expire February 12, 1947:

R. Gerald Johnson of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

C. K. Luther of Port Arthur, Jefferson County.

The Secretary of the Senate further informed the Journal Clerk that the following nomination had been rejected:

To be a member of the Finance Commission for a term of six years to expire February 1, 1951:

H. A. Dobbs of Hempsted, Waller County (Banking Section).

#### In Legislative Session

The President called the Senate to order as in legislative session at 11:20 o'clock a. m.

#### Bills and Resolutions Signed

The President signed in the presence of the Senate, after giving due notice, the following bills and resolutions:

H. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation for an increase in salaries of State officials and State employees for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending on August 31, 1945, supplementing the salaries designated and/or provided for in Senate Bill No. 332, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-eighth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

S. C. R. No. 17, Endorsing the invitation of the Texas Press Association to the National Editorial Association and assuring the National Editorial Association and its officials that the State government will in all proper ways join the Texas Press Association in entertaining the said convention of the National Editorial Association in 1946 or any subsequent year.

S. C. R. No. 4, Authorizing the Board of Control to again enter into a contract with the San Jacinto Historical Association to operate the San Jacinto Monument.

H. C. R. No. 8, Granting A. M. H. Stark permission to sue the State.

#### House Bills and Joint Resolution On First Reading

The following House bills and joint resolution were laid before the Senate, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

H. B. No. 211, to Committee on Game and Fish.

H. B. No. 143, to Committee on Judicial Districts.

H. J. R. No. 10, to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

#### House Concurrent Resolution 25 Referred

The following resolution, received from the House today, was laid before the Senate, read first time, and referred to the committee indicated:

H. C. R. No. 25, to Committee on State Affairs.

#### House Joint Resolution 7 on Passage to Third Reading

The President laid before the Senate as a special order for this hour on its passage to third reading (the resolution having been read second time on Wednesday, February 21, 1945):

H. J. R. No. 7, Proposing an amendment to Section 2, Article VI, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relative to payment of poll taxes by men and women in the armed forces as a prerequisite to vote.

With the following amendments by Senator Moffett and by Senator Taylor pending:

(1)

By Senator Moffett:

Amend H. J. R. No. 7, by striking out all above the resolving clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

A Joint Resolution, Proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution of Texas so as to provide that members of the Army, Navy, U. S. Maritime Service, U. S. Merchant Marine, or other



branch or component part of the Armed Forces of the United States during any nationally declared emergency, or during any time when the United States is at war with another country, who would otherwise be eligible to vote under the laws of Texas may vote without the requirement of having paid any poll tax assessed against him or of holding a receipt therefor; providing the form of the ballot for voting upon said proposed amendment; fixing the time for holding the election; directing the Governor to issue the necessary proclamations; and making an appropriation to defray necessary expenses.

(2)

By Senator Taylor:

Amend H. J. R. No. 7 by striking out the words, "either in time of a nationally declared emergency or," on lines number 32 and 33 of the printed resolution.

(Senator Martin in the Chair)

By unanimous consent, Senator Moffett at this time offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend H. J. R. No. 7 by striking out the period at the end of Section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon, and by adding the following:

"Provided further that irrespective of any other provision of this Constitution relating to the minimum age of eligibility for voting, that any person 18 years of age and less than 21 years of age, who is serving in the armed services of the United States in time of war, or has been honorably discharged therefrom, and who otherwise is a qualified voter, shall be entitled to vote in any election in this state, held by authority of law, without the payment of a poll tax."

(President in the Chair)

Question—shall the amendments be adopted?

### Adjournment

Senator Spears moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:30 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

Senator Metcalfe moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a. m., tomorrow.

Question first recurring on the mo-

tion of Senator Spears, it prevailed. The Senate accordingly at 11:55 a. m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

## THIRTY-SECOND DAY

(Thursday, March 1, 1945)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called, and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Moore
Brown	Morris
Bullock	Parrish
Carney	Ramsey
Chadick	Shivers
Graves	Spears
Hazlewood	Stanford
Jones	Stone
Knight	Sulak
Lanning	Taylor
Martin	Vick
Mauritz	Weinert
Metcalfe	Winfield
Moffett	York

A quorum was announced present.

The Reverend J. E. Chester, Chaplain, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

### Leaves of Absence Granted

Senator Kelley and Senator Lane were granted leaves of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Martin.

Senator Crawford was granted leave of absence for today on account of illness on motion of Senator Winfield.

### Reports of Standing Committees

Senator Carney submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,  
February 27, 1945.

Hon. John Lee Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Game and Fish, to whom was referred H. B. No. 236, "An Act granting the Commissioners Court of Williamson County permission to pay out of the Gen-